

ABSTRACT

APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING ACCESS TO INFORMATION

5 The apparatus has a user interface (16) having a keyboard
(17) for enabling a user to input information, a display
(15) for displaying information to the user, a data store
(28) for storing keywords and a processor (10) having
associated memory (11). The processor (10) is configured
10 by program instructions to provide an information alerter
that has an icon displayer (30) for displaying an
information alerter icon on top of an applications window
displayed on the display (15); a keystroke receiver (26)
for receiving keystroke information relating to
15 keystrokes made by the user to input information into an
applications window displayed by the displayed by the
display (15); a keyword comparer (27) for comparing
keywords stored in the data store (28) with keystroke
information received by the keystroke receiver; and a
20 user alerter (31) for causing at least a part of the
alerter icon to change when the keyword comparer (27)
identifies at least one keyword corresponding to
information input to an application as keystrokes by the
user.

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(FIGURE 3)